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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 November 2004.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The following communication is in response to Applicant's amendment filed 29 November 2004.

Status of Claims

2. Claims 1-21 have been left as previously presented. Therefore claims 1-21 are under prosecution in this application.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 29 November have been fully considered but they are not persuasive and are discussed below. Therefore claims 1-21 remain rejected and Applicant's request for allowance is respectfully declined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are

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such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

6. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

7. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Karp et al. (hereinafter Karp) U.S. Patent 6,591,242 in view of Harvey et al. (hereinafter Harvey) U.S. Patent 6,519,568.

Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Karp et al. (hereinafter Karp) U.S. Patent 6,591,242 in view of Harvey et al. (hereinafter Harvey) U.S. Patent 6,519,568 as stated in the previous office action, mailed 09 September 2004. Applicant claims that the Karp fails to teach the limitations of the instant application, and concludes that Karp does not allow a first and second contractor to transmit over the same second computer service operation information. The Examiner respectfully disagrees. Karp teaches that a necessary identification device or biometric device is located at the recipient's location (column

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4, lines 9-17). The identification device is utilized by clients for transmitting information to the host computer (column 7, lines 4-19). Multiple clients performing various functions use the in-house biometric system at the recipient to transmit information. Further, even if the original client returns to perform another service for the recipient, he is acting as a second client and performing another function, and again utilizing the same biometric system located at the recipient site. Therefore the Examiner believes that Karp accounts for a first and second contractor to transmit over the same second computer service operation information.

Regarding claims 3, 15, and 20, Applicant submits that Karp fails the host site accepting the data entered. The Examiner respectfully disagrees. Karp teaches the client transmitting packets, which consist of a plurality of related information (column 4, lines 28-37). Incoming packets are accepted as a whole when the client's identification is accepted (column 5, lines 39-65).

Regarding claims 6 and 16, Applicant submits that Karp fails to teach that data is transferred to support an invoice transmitted from a second computer to a first computer. The Examiner respectfully disagrees, Karp teaches that the client transmits packets containing information concerning tasks performed for a recipient (column 4, lines 28-37). This information is necessary to for the invoices created during report generation (column 4, lines 38-59).

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Any remaining claims are rejected based upon dependency or as stated in the previous office action, mailed 09 September 2004. Therefore claims 1-21 remain rejected and Applicant's request for allowance is respectfully decline.

Conclusion

8. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stefano Karmis whose telephone number is (703) 305-8130. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 8-5.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on (703) 308-1065. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Respectfully Submitted
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